

Thirty-two have selected the U.S. Marine Corps: Derek Alewine, Jacob Alderman, Brian Alvarado, Lilian Booyesen, Jonathan Bowman, Sim Brand, Wendy Bustillo, Joshua Campbell, Dylan Chenault, Jacob Clark, Chase Cline, Jacob Green, Noah Hallen, Chester Harvey III, Matthew Hill, Charles Hite, Collin Ingles, Tylore Jones, Dakota Kelley, Christopher Leake, Rickey Langhorne, Patrick Mayo, Isaiah Meadows, Kyle Rochefort, Jacob Shaver, Edward Sher, Benjamin Showalter, Andrew Smith, Dylan Snyder, Gaines "Randall" Thomas, Jerod Williams, and John Weatherman.

Eighteen have elected to join the U.S. Navy: Jesse R. Bast, Devin M. Carter, Storey A. Collier, Nicholas S. Finnan, Nathaniel Fisher, Colin D. Grimsley, Christian N. Hoffman, Steven Howard, Christopher S. Keller, Raymond G. Markle, Alexander N. Ostrowski, Devin O'Neal Richardson, Tayvaun D. Richardson, Taylor M. Stark, Katelyn R. Shafer, Lucas J. Valteau, Devin L. Walker, and Andrew H. Williams.

Four have elected to join the U.S. Air Force: Hunter Brittle, Jordan Stracener, Martha Wells, and Jackson Winum.

These 90 young men and women will be recognized on April 30, 2016, as part of the "Our Community Salutes" Recognition Ceremony, and Albemarle High School Guidance Counselor, Jacquelyn Perry, will be awarded The General Colin L. Powell Service Award. This prestigious citation is given to a high school educator who best supports young adults desiring to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces after graduation from high school.

Every citizen of the United States of America owes his or her freedom to the men and women that have served, are serving or will serve this nation in the uniform of one of our military services. The future of our Nation remains strong because of young men and women like these 90 individuals who have stepped forward to serve in the defense of our country and to uphold the ideals and principles upon which it was founded.

These young Virginians from the home of Founding Father, Thomas Jefferson, represent all that is good in our Nation. They depart with the full faith and support of the U.S. Senate and the American people. They will experience good days and they will experience challenges and we will support them in both environments.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to these young patriots who will take the Oath of Enlistment and serve in their respective service. It is because of their decision today that the United States remains secure and a beacon of liberty throughout the world.

CONGRATULATING AUSTIN BAILEY
SWEARENGIN ON RECEIVING THE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S
EAGLE SCOUT RANK

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Austin Bailey Swearengin, of Springfield, Missouri, on his recent achievement of the Boy Scouts of America's (BSA) top rank of Eagle Scout.

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. It is

the culmination of many years of hard work and dedication, requiring countless hours of service, training and learning. An extremely exclusive honor, less than two percent of the 112 million scouts since the BSA's founding in 1910 have achieved the Eagle Scout distinction.

Austin's promotion to Eagle Scout is even more significant given that his brothers, Ethan and Logan, also achieved the Eagle Scout rank. To have one Eagle Scout in a family is remarkable, but to have three is beyond exemplary. Austin and his brothers' achievements are a testament to their family's reverence for focus and commitment.

Mr. Speaker, by attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, Austin has set himself on the path to achieve future success, and I'm proud to count him among my constituents. His dedication in completing the required benchmarks and community service requirements to reach the Eagle Scout rank is indicative of his ability to accomplish whatever goals he sets his mind to. I wish Austin luck with all his future endeavors, and urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on this momentous achievement.

TRIBUTE TO LONDON VAIS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate London Vais for being named First Team All-American in women's basketball by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

London is a member of the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) women's basketball team. She was named ICCAC Athlete of the Week on four different occasions during this past basketball season, leading DMACC to a 26-7 overall record in 2016.

Mr. Speaker, London has made Des Moines Area Community College and the great State of Iowa very proud. She has worked hard and dedicated herself to being a part of a successful team. It is with great pride that I recognize her today. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating London for receiving this award and in wishing her nothing but continued success in all her future endeavors.

CHIEF CHRIS CARTER RETIRES
FROM BISHOP POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the law enforcement career of Bishop Police Chief Chris Carter, who retired from the Bishop Police Department on September 30, 2015. On June 4, 2016, there will be a long-awaited retirement party to celebrate Chief Carter's distinguished career.

Chief Carter's time in law enforcement began in 1983 while serving as a Military Police Officer in the United States Army. He

served two years on active-duty and an additional nine years in the California National Guard. His military awards include the Army Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Rifle Sharpshooter, Hand Grenade Sharpshooter, and Pistol Expert.

After leaving active-duty service, Chief Carter was hired as a police officer with the City of Barstow, where he eventually obtained the rank of corporal. His service with the Barstow Police Department earned him a number of accolades, including the California Highway Patrol/AAA "10851" Award for stolen vehicle recoveries, the Meritorious Service Award, and the Medal of Valor.

In 2003, Chief Carter was hired by the Bishop Police Department and received promotions to the ranks of sergeant and lieutenant. In 2010, he was sworn in as the Chief of the Bishop Police Department, a position he held until his retirement.

I want to congratulate Chief Carter on his well-deserved retirement. It is an honor to represent people like Chief Carter who dedicate their lives to making our communities better and safer.

IN HONOR OF SERGEANT KENNETH
DONDERO

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the achievements of some of the 10th Congressional District's bravest constituents. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office held their 2015 Awards and Recognition Ceremony on Friday, February 19th to recognize the daily services and sacrifices provided by our local law enforcement. Selected from America's finest, and nominated by their peers, the following award serves as a testament to the officer's unwavering courage and dedication to protecting our community. The following individual deserves the thanks of not only the communities in which he serves, but also that of his elected officials.

The Sheriff's Excellence Award recognizes both senior civilian and sworn officer supervisors for superior job knowledge, devotion to duty, and dedication to the community which they serve. Sergeant Kenneth Dondero's actions over the years resulted in his nomination and selection for this award.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking this member of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department for protecting and serving our community day-in and day-out.

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